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Applicant(s) : Magdalena, J. et al.
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For : M. TUBERCULOSIS COMPLEX MEMBERS MYCOBACTERIA
SPECIFIC NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENTS AND THEIR
APPLICATIONS FOR THE DETECTION AND DIFFERENTIAL
DIAGNOSIS OF M. TUBERCULOSIS COMPLEX MEMBERS

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION FROM EXAMINER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to a Communication from the Examiner dated July 31, 2000, applicants provide
the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 4, line 33, after "3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:3)--.

On page 9, line 31, after "TGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

On page 9, line 31, after "AGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)--.

On page 13, line 18, after "TGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

On page 13, line 18, after "AGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)--.

On page 15, line 36, after "CGC-3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:6)--.

On page 16, line 1, after "ACC-3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:7)--.

On page 18, line 26, after "GTC-3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:8)--.

On page 18, line 27, after "3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:9)--.

On page 20, line 5, after "TCA 3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:10)--.

On page 20, line 6, after "3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:11)--.

On page 21, line 31, after "TGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

On page 21, line 34, after "AGC-3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

On page 37, line 35, after "TGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:4)--.

On page 37, line 35, after "AGC3'" insert --(SEQ ID NO:5)--.

REMARKS

Applicants submit herewith a paper copy of a substitute sequence list in response to the Examiner's Communication. Please replace the original sequence list with the substitute sequence list provided herewith. Also enclosed herewith is a computer diskette containing the sequence list. A statement pursuant to 37 CFR §1.825(b) is enclosed, stating that the computer diskette contains an identical sequence list as the paper copy.

No fee is believed due.

Respectfully submitted,

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